

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS,
LAKE COUNTY, IL HELD MAY 16, 2023 7:00 PM**

- I. President Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present: Trustees Koch, Takaoka, Forster, Oppenheim, Schenk and President Byrne via telephone. Trustee Marquardt was absent. A quorum was established.

Also present were: Village Manager Timony, Assistant Village Manager Petrillo, Director of Community Development Jennings, Public Works Director Venatta, Chief Kreis, Finance Director Lyons, Village Attorney Ferolo, and Recording Secretary Koehl.

President Byrne called for a motion to appoint Trustee Koch as Chairman Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim, second by Trustee Schenk to appoint Trustee Koch as Chairman Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Forster, Oppenheim, Schenk, Koch, Takaoka President Byrne

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Marquardt

- III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board
Resident Ms. Chris Mayer of 371 Cherry Valley Rd. addressed the Board with her frustration with the ongoing problem of getting Abbott Labs to replace a broken fence on her property line. Village staff has had a complete turnover, since her issue began; current staff will assist and reach out to Abbott Labs who is the property owner, to try to rectify her problem.

V. Officials Reports

A. Village President

1. City of Highland Park Recognition of Vernon Hills Police Department

Mayor Nancy Rotering, City Manager Ghida Neukrich, and Police Chief Lou Jogman appeared before the Board to recognize and thank Chief Kreis, and the Vernon Hills Police Department for their professional and quick response during the July 4, 2021 incident in their town. They presented a Highland Park Flag to Chief Kreis. They also thanked and presented a "Challenge Coin" to each individual officer who assisted on that day.

Trustee Marquardt joined the meeting at 7:19 pm.

2. Proclamation – National Gun Violence Awareness Day

A proclamation was read and residents were asked to be vigilant. Trustee Takaoka introduced resident Elise Hauptman, who represented the local Moms Demand Action Members. She thanked everyone for keeping our community safe.

3. Proclamation – Public Works Week

Chairman Pro Tem Koch read a proclamation in honor of Public Works Week. He thanked the Vernon Hills Public Works employees for their hard work dedicated service to our community.

A proclamation was also read by Chairman Pro Tem Koch to recognize International Firefighters Day, which was May 4, 2023. He thanked all firefighters for their dedicated service to their communities.

4. Proclamation Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Trustee Takaoka read a proclamation recognizing AANHPI Heritage Month.

5. Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment of Brian Fluno

Village Manager Timony advised that President Byrne recommended that Brian Fluno be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Motion by Trustee Oppenheim, second by Trustee Marquardt, to appoint Brian Fluno to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Schenk, Marquardt, Forster, Oppenheim, Takaoka, President Byrne, Chairman Pro Tem Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 – None

Motion carried.

Village Manager Timony administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Fluno.

C. Village Manager

Village Manager Timony introduces Park District representatives Park Board President David Doerhoefer, Commissioner Bruce Robbins, and Executive Director Jeff Fougousse, who gave an update and presentation on the Sprayground Project.

D. Assistant Village Manager

1. Veterans Memorial Day Dedication Plaque

AVM Petrillo gave a presentation on the memorial plaque that was installed at the Arbortheater recently.

Commander Renihan and Finance Officer Taylor thanked the Village Board for their support of Post 1247. He is seeking volunteers to help place flags at the gravesites of fallen service men and women in preparation for Memorial Day Ceremonies. He welcomes the public to come out to Vernon Township Cemetery on May 26 at 10:00 am, and Willow Lawn Cemetery on May 27 at 9 am.

2. Memorial Day Events

AVM Petrillo also advised that American Legion Post 1247 will again mark Memorial Day with short, solemn ceremonies on Monday, May 29.

- 9 a.m. – Vernon Township Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Lincolnshire
- 10 a.m. – Willow Lawn Cemetery, Rt 45, Vernon Hills
- 11 a.m. – Vernon Hills Memorial Arbortheater*

Following the 11 a.m. ceremony at the Arbortheater, members of the Post will dedicate a new plaque marking the dedication of the memorial, which took place on May 26, 1996.

Trustee Oppenheim suggested that the Village Military Banner Program should not only include residents of our community who have or are serving, but it should also be opened up to include Village employees. There was consensus by the Board to include employees in the program.

- E. Finance Director/Treasurer
- F. Chief of Police
- G. Public Works Director/Village Engineer
- H. Director of Community Development

VI. Omnibus Vote Agenda

Chairman Pro Tem Koch called for a motion to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-J.

Motion by Trustee Marquardt, second by Trustee Forster, to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items A-J.

Trustee Schenk asked about impact fees that were on the paid warrant report. Finance Director Lyons and CD Director Jennings answered questions regarding how the fees are formulated.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Oppenheim, Schenk, Forster, Marquardt, Takaoka, President Byrne, Chairman Pro Tem Koch

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 – None

Motion carried.

- A. APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST OF BILLS DATED MAY 16, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,141,794.91 (detail at end of packet)
- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SINE DIE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023
- C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023
- D. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2023-053 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT TO NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORY FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000 (Chief Kreis)
- E. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2023-054 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-050 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (I-DOT) FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE FY2023 BUDGET BY \$16,794.18 (PW Dir Venatta)
- F. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-055 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX C, ZONING, OF THE VERNON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 3.2 AND SECTION 15.3, TO DEFINE CATERING SERVICE AND INCLUDE THE NEW USE CATEGORY AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE OR&D DISTRICT (CD Dir Jennings)
- G. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2023-056 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A “CATERING SERVICE” FOR CATERED PRODUCTIONS 1017 BUTTERFIELD ROAD (CD Dir Jennings)

- H. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2023-057 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A RETAIL STORE IN THE OR&D DISTRICT FOR SMOKIN' DEAL BBQ, 1007 BUTTERFIELD ROAD (CD Dir Jennings)
- I. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 2023-058 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-019 AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF EXPENDITURES TO CHICAGOLAND PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE 2023 BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT PATCHING PROGRAM WITHIN THE FY2024 BUDGET BY \$15,000 (PW Dir Venatta)
- J. APPROVAL AND PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2023-020 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A STREET LIGHTING ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND AN ICC-APPROVED POWER SUPPLIER (PW Dir Venatta)

VII. Unfinished/Additional Business

VIII. New Business/Communications

Trustee Takaoka advised that Sue Gandhi of Sue's Pantry thanked the Board for their generous donation. He also recognized Whole Foods for their continued donations to Sue's Pantry.

Trustee Schenk noted that he appreciates the new AED equipment at the VHAC.

President Byrne also spoke about how donations to the Park District are calculated.

Mr. Aniruddha Bhide was given an opportunity to address the Board, as he missed Citizen's wishing to address the Board earlier in the meeting. He spoke about the recent teacher appreciation event that Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA (HSS) celebrated along with School Districts 73, 128 and many others. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about this great event.

IX. Recess/Adjournment

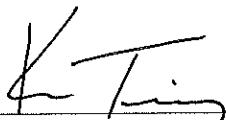
Motion by Trustee Schenk, second by Trustee Forster, to adjourn the Board Meeting and go into Committee of the Whole.

All in favor vote.

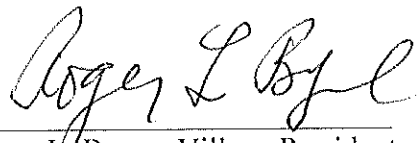
Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Approved this 6th day of June 2023.



Kevin Timony, Village Manager/Clerk



Roger L. Byrne, Village President